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HTRI DECLINES IN MARCH

The HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX decreased in March, indicative of a somewhat softening market for technical talent. The March indicator stands at 122, five points off the prior month.

Notes a spokesperson for DS&E, "Thus far in 1985, HTRI has been lagging behind 1984. March is fifteen points off last year's level. This is, no doubt, a reflection of the status quo in technical employment -- and even layoffs -- in some high tech industries."

Although single-month data for April, 121, show only slight change from March's 122, the change is in a downward direction.

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The HTRI is based on the volume of recruitment advertising directed to degreed engineers and scientists in key U.S. newspapers and technical journals each month. Deutsch, Shea and Evans, which has maintained the Index since 1960, is the human resources consulting and advertising subsidiary of Foote, Cone & Belding Communications, Inc.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX

(1961=100; Seasonally Adjusted)

Month	Single-Month Figure	High Technology Recruitment Index*
April	148	139
May	139	141
June	138	138
July	138	135
August	129	133
September	131	130
October	131	128
November	121	123
December	120	125
January, 1985	135	126
February	123	127
March	122	122
April	121	--

*Based on a 3-month running average

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